IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 994 OF 2003
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.308 OF 2003

Pandurang @ Pandu Valku Waghe
@ Katkari — Appellant-Applicant

vs.

The State of Maharashtra — Respondent

Mr. N.S.Mundargi for Mr.Shailesh Kantharia for the applicant.

Mrs.U.V.Kejariwal, APP for the State.

CORAM : R. M. LODHA &
R. S. MOHITE,JJ.

DATED : 9th February 2005

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Heard.

2. The applicant had been convicted of the offence punishable under Section 302 of Indian Penal Code and sentenced to suffer life imprisonment vide judgment dated 16.12.2002 passed by the Ist Adhoc Additional Sessions Judge, Raigad-Alibag. The accused has preferred the appeal. However, the said appeal suffers from delay of 20 days. By means of this criminal application the accused prays for condonation of delay in filing the appeal.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has no objection.

4. In paragraph 6 of the application, it is stated that the accused was not aware of the time limit for filing the criminal Appeal and that resulted in delay of 20 days.

5. For the reason stated in the application, we are satisfied that the accused was prevented by sufficient cause in filing the appeal in time.

6. The delay in filing the appeal is condoned.

7. Criminal application stands disposed of.

(R.M. LODHA,J.)

(R.S. MOHITE,J.)